Amendments to the Specification

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

In The Divisional Application

Please insert the following language on page 1, line 2, of the specification:

This application is a Divisional Patent Application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/709,781, filed November 3, 2003, which is a Divisional Patent Application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/104,297, filed June 24, 1998, which non-provisional applications, as well as this application claims the benefit of priority of United States Provisional Patent Applications Serial No. 60/050,762 filed June 25, 1997 and Serial No. 60/059,499 filed September 22, 1997.

Please replace Page 17, lines 23-26 with the following amended paragraph:

Read DHCPDB( ) is the workhorse of GENIP, handling the setup and execution of DHCPCMD as well [s-] as reading the resultant output therefrom, reading the same into the

"current" database, comparing with the "previous" database, and then writing a new "output"

database for the clients.

Please replace Page 27, lines 21-30 with the following amended paragraph:

Each source-like capability has a complementing sink-like capability that is compatible

with it. For example, the outputting video capability of one home device is complemented by the

accepting video capability of a second home device. Each capability is associated with a certain

set of data specifications. For example, when a DVCR outputs a video signal, the video signal is

broadcast on a particular stream of the over the home network. The stream number and other

information about the signal form part of the DVCR's (outputting home device) data

specification message. Therefore, in one embodiment, to execute a session, a first home device

(outputting home device) communicates a data specification message to a second home device

(accepting home device) via the session manager.